

furnished for the building and maintaining the various roads in said county, find the same correct and no overcharges made thereon, they shall order payment thereof and keep a separate account of same.

Contracts for construction and maintenance.

Specifications of contract.

Contracts to be written.

Bond of contractors.

Recovery on bonds.

Payments on contracts.

Capitation tax in lieu of road work.

Prisoners subject to work on roads.

Care and maintenance of convicts.

SEC. 9. The superintendent of roads, with the approval of said board of commissioners, if deemed advisable, shall have the right and authority to enter into a contract with any one who will take the contract at a fair and reasonable price, for the building, maintaining, and keeping in repair and free from dangerous places, well drained, and with a good crown thereon, and keeping in good condition the bridges or any or all of the public roads in the different townships of said county. The said contractor, before entering upon his work or receiving any pay for same, shall enter into a written contract in the name of the board of commissioners of Rutherford County to keep in good repair, free from all holes, ruts, and dangerous places, with a good crown on same and well drained, and keep bridges and culverts in good repair, any section of public road so contracted for; and he shall also furnish a good and sufficient bond in such sum as the board of commissioners may require, payable to the commissioners of Rutherford County, to faithfully carry out his contract and discharge the duties as imposed upon him by law as contractor for building roads in Rutherford County, and if he shall fail to keep said public roads in the condition as required by his contract and by law, the said board of commissioners shall have a right to proceed to collect the penalty of said bond in any of the courts of Rutherford County. Such payments upon said contract shall be made by the board of commissioners of said county as the work progresses, and final payment shall not be made until the work upon the roads so contracted for shall be actually done and certified to by the superintendent of roads.

SEC. 10. That all able-bodied male persons of Rutherford County between the ages of eighteen and forty-five shall pay to the road superintendent or the township supervisor or to the county treasurer of Rutherford County the sum of two dollars per annum, to be paid as other taxes, and to be kept in the general road fund of the county, to be expended in the improvement of the road in the township from which it was paid.

SEC. 11. That all persons confined in the county jail under a final sentence of court for crimes or imprisoned for nonpayment of costs or fines, or under a final judgment in case of bastardy or under the vagrant act, all insolvents who shall be imprisoned for nonpayment of costs, all persons who shall be sentenced to the State's Prison for a term of not more than ten years, may be worked on the public roads of the county, as provided in chapter five hundred and eighty-one, Public Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and all acts amendatory thereof, which acts are hereby made a part of this act and shall apply with full force of law to Rutherford County, and all such convicts shall be fed, clothed, and